IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5, 14 and 47-61 without prejudice or disclaimer of
subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 9 and 11-13 to read as follows. A marked-up
version of those claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1.   (Four Times Amended) A document processing system comprising:

document retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders each
storing at least one document;

candidate folder selecting means for selecting a plurality of
candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new
document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the
plurality of folders; and

notifying means for providing notification of the candidate folders
selected by said candidate folder selecting means,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the
candidate folders.

4.   (Four Times Amended) A document processing system comprising:

judging means for judging a similarity degree between document
information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged by said judging means; and

notifying means for providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated by said similarity order calculating means,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

9.   (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;

selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing notification of the candidate folders selected in said selecting step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

10.   (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

11. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting a plurality of folders from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

providing notification of the folders selected in said selecting step, wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

12. (Four Times Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;

selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing notification of the candidate folders selected in said selecting step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

13. (Four Times Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.